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SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES \$3 MILLION IN RHODE ISLAND PROJECTS SPONSORED BY CHAFEE

Projects Include: Domestic Violence, Police Training, Save the Bay & Rocky Point

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee today approved spending legislation – the FY 2003 Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations bill – that includes a total of \$3 million for four Rhode Island projects supported by Senator Lincoln Chafee.

The legislation -- which provides funds to the Departments of Commerce, State and Justice for the coming fiscal year -- is one of 13 appropriations bills that Congress must approve each year.

The bill includes funding for four Rhode Island projects: the Rhode Island Supreme Court's Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring Unit (\$300,000); the Rhode Island Justice Commission's police professionalism initiative (\$300,000); Save the Bay's Explore the Bay Marine Education Program (\$500,000); and acquisition of Rocky Point (\$1.9 million).

On March 22, 2002, Senator Chafee wrote to Senator Ernest Hollings (D-NC), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, to request that these projects be included in the bill being drafted by the subcommittee.

EDITOR'S NOTE: [Detailed project descriptions are attached.](#)

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